Ban on illegal child adoption

2281. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to stop illegal child adoption to control human trafficking in the garb of adoption;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to control exploitation of children for pornography?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) A mechanism is in existence to stop illegal child adoption. The Guidelines on adoption issued by the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and its Amendment Act, 2006 are the available instruments for this purpose. All adoption related issues are governed under the above said Guidelines and provisions of the Act.

(c) An important objective of the National Plan of Action for Children, 2005 of the Government of India is to protect children against sexual and physical abuse, pornography, etc. The provisions under Law are as follows:

- As per Chapter XI, Para 67 of the Indian Information Technology Act, 2000, the Government of India clearly considers online pornography is a punishable offence.
- The Indian Penal Code, 1860, Section 293 specifies, in clear terms, the sale, etc. of obscene objects to minors a punishable offence.
- As per Section 23 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, whoever assaults, abandons, exposes or willfully neglects the juvenile or procures him to be assaulted, abandoned, exposes or neglected etc., shall be punishable.

Action on initiatives of Planning Commission

2282. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHE.D DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry is aware of the initiatives suggested by the Planning Commission in the Approach Paper for Eleventh Plan in para 5.4 "Gender Equity" on RNo. 86 of the report dated 9th December, 2006; and

(b) if so, the action proposed by her Ministry to check violence against some pregnant women, creches at work places, clean cooking fuels etc. so that women in general can have dignified living?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.